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CAMDEN COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Camden County, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for violating federal firearms law.

David Lee Gompf, 51, of Camden County, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years in federal prison without parole.

On March 16, 2004, **Gompf** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. **Gompf** was arrested on June 11, 2003, when law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at his home. Officers found a Hi-Point Firearms 9mm rifle leaning against a bedroom wall, Graves said, along with a rifle clip and two boxes of 9 mm rounds on top of a dresser. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Gompf** has a 2002 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance in Laclede County, Mo.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Lake Area Narcotics Enforcement Group (LANEG) Task Force, the Camden County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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